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## Civil War Trading Cards Engage Younger Visitors with Civil War History

Washington, DC – National Park Service brings Civil War history to trading cards! To commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War, the National Park Service (NPS) has created a Civil War Trading Card program. There are 189 collectible trading cards that can be obtained from 23 National Parks located in the Northeast and the National Capital Regions (NCR). These trading cards are geared toward younger visitors, but can appeal and are offered to all visitors, as long as every visitor who receives a card “earns” a card. The cards are free and collectors can travel to all the sites to collect the complete set.

NCR has 11 sites participating in the program and of the 189 cards available, 103 of them can be obtained from NCR sites. The Civil War Trading Cards relate to the people and events that played a part in each park or site’s history.

To “earn” a trading card, visitors may participate in Park programs. Cards can be a reward for making good observations, or by answering question about the park they are visiting. The trading cards relate to major battles, famous generals, historic sites, Presidents, and much more.

The trading cards are vehicles for telling some “lesser-known” stories—including the stories of civilians, women, and African-Americans. The trading cards are a great way to engage visitors of all ages with the history of our nation and an incentive for families with children to visit all 11 NCR parks/sites which offer the trading cards.

Listed below are the NCR parks/sites involved in the Civil War Trading Card program and the number of different cards located at the site:

Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, Maryland(11 cards)

- Arlington House, Robert E. Lee Memorial, Arlington, Virginia (8 cards)
- Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park (12 cards)
- Clara Barton National Historic Site, Glen Echo, Maryland(4 cards)
- Civil War Defenses of Washington(3 cards)
- Ford’s Theatre National Historic Site (13 cards)
- George Washington Memorial Parkway (2 cards)
- Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia (14 cards)
- Manassas National Battlefield Park, Manassas, Virginia (10 cards)
- Monocacy National Battlefield, Frederick, Maryland(11 cards)
- National Mall and Memorial Parks (15 cards)